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SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY DEAN RUSK CONCERNING LEAKS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AP 040: QUOTE ATLANTA, GA. (AP)
FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK SAYS HE ASKED THE
FBI TO LOOK INTO POSSIBLE LEAKS TO THE PRESS A NUMBER OF
TIMES WHILE HE WAS THE NATION'S HIGHEST FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OFFICIAL BUT NEVER REQUESTED WIRETAPPING AS PART OF AN
INVESTIGATION.

RUSK, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION,
SAID WEDNESDAY HE ABHORS WIRETAPPING. BUT HE ADDED
THERE "COULD BE CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVING NATIONAL SECURITY
AND CONFIDENTIALITY WHERE WIRETAPPING WAS JUSTIFIED.

RUSK, NOW A UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA LAW PROFESSOR, MADE THE
COMMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY
KISSINGER'S THREAT TO RESIGN IF HE WERE NOT CLEARED OF
ALLEGATIONS THAT HE ORDERED WIRETAPS ON 13 ADMINISTRATION
OFFICIALS AND FOUR NEWSMEN IN AN EFFORT TO PLUG LEAKS TO
THE PRESS.
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RUSK SAID IT WOULD HAVE BEEN LEGAL FOR KISSINGER TO
SUGGEST THE WIRETAPS, BUT THE FINAL AUTHORIZATION HAD TO
COME FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE PRESIDENT.

RUSK SAID KISSINGER HAS "DONE A VERY VALUABLE JOB" AND
SHOULD NOT RESIGN.
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2. DEPARTMENT IS ENDEAVORING OBTAIN FULL TEXT AND WILL
TRANSMIT IT WHEN AVAILABLE. SISCO

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